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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Portals II, Room TW-A325  
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**EX PARTE NOTICE**

*Re: High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 16, 2007, Brian Staihr and I, on behalf of Embarq, met with Jeremy Marcus, Vickie Robinson, Amy Bender, Katie King, Belinda Nixon, Jennifer Schneider, and Gary Seigel of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the attached presentation. The discussion focused on how universal service support can and should be better targeted to truly high-cost areas and tied to the carrier-of-last-resort obligation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning  
Director – Federal Regulatory

cc: Jeremy Marcus  
Vickie Robinson  
Amy Bender  
Katie King  
Belinda Nixon  
Jennifer Schneider  
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